

SENATE BILL NO. 84.

Executive Office,
State of Texas.

Austin, April 2, 1909.

To the Secretary of State:

I herewith transmit for file in the office of the Secretary of State Senate bill No. 84 without my approval, on account of the following objections:

1. The bill does not conform to the caption of the act.

2. The measure abounds with so many inconsistencies and errors as to render the same unintelligible, uncertain, and of such doubtful construction as to render it inoperative and impossible of enforcement.

3. There were two bills introduced in the Senate amending the game laws Senate bill No. 84 and Senate bill No. 101. Amendments were offered to this bill which should have been offered to Senate bill No. 101, and would have been responsive to the caption of that bill. A clause was inserted in this bill repealing all laws and parts of laws in conflict therewith. This bill therefore became a substitute for Chapter 137 of the Acts of the Thirtieth Legislature, relating to the State Game, Fish and Oyster Commissioner, prescribing his duties, fixing his compensation, authorizing the issuance of hunting licenses, etc.; and also became a substitute for Chapter 144 of the Acts of the Thirtieth Legislature fixing the closed season for hunting deer, turkeys, quail and doves, and protecting the birds and game of this State. The effect of the present bill, if permitted to become a law, would be to repeal the number and quantity of deer and game birds which might be killed during the open season and open to wanton slaughter birds and game of all kinds heretofore protected by the law.

4. The bill also undertakes to divide the State by establishing a boundary line from El Paso county to Panola county, and fixing the open season north and south of said line. In doing so Robertson county was mentioned as a boundary county and also Limestone county. Inasmuch as Robertson county is directly south of Limestone county, this provision of the bill has the effect of making Falls and Lime-

stone counties both north and south of the line attempted to be established, making it impossible to determine when the season opens and closes in these two counties.

5. In enumerating the counties forming the boundary line, Hector county is mentioned as one of the boundary counties. There being no such county in the State, it would have the effect of leaving all the counties north and south of Ector county without any closed season, contrary to the policy of this State.

6. Many other defects are apparent in the bill, produced by offering the amendments to the wrong bill, and failure to mention same in the caption of the act; and, for these reasons, I decline to approve this bill.

T. M. CAMPBELL,
Governor of Texas.